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| DISPATCH   |  | CLASSIFICATION<br><b>SECRET</b>  | DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO.<br>OSSA-9146  |
| TO<br>Chief, SR  | INFO<br>Chief, WE                                  |  | HEADQUARTERS FILE NO.<br><br>C      = |
| FROM<br>Chief of Station, C      =   | DATE<br><del>28 DEC 1959</del><br>20 November 1959 |  | RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE)          |
| SUBJECT<br>SEEDOOD/AMMARSH<br>Reports of AMMARSH/15 Contact with Pauls (aka Pael)<br>*DUCMANIS (born 19 August 1921, Latvia) |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING<br><input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED |                                       |
| ACTION REQUIRED<br>See para 2  |  | INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED<br>BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY   |                                       |

## REFERENCE(S)

- A. DIR 47300, 7 October 1959  
B. OSSA-9089, 30 October 1959

1. AMMARSH/15 came out of the hospital on 3 November and is now at home on his last week of recuperation. C      = had a short meeting with him on 9 November at which it was apparent that A/15, though a little wane, had come through his goiter operation in good style. At this meeting he turned over reports covering his meeting with DUCMANIS, Attachment A in Swedish, and C      = contact with

Valdemar \*SAURIS (born 1922, Latvia),

Attachment B in Latvian.

2. A/15 gave C      = an oral summary of C      = report. We would, however, like to have a copy of Headquarters translation of this one. Concerning the report of A/15's meetings with DUCMANIS, two conclusions may be drawn and they are not necessarily mutually exclusive. DUCMANIS' attitude is a common one about the situation in Latvia today--things are improving day by day and the most important goal is to live a comfortable life, hoping for evolutionary improvements in the system rather than revolutionary changes supported by the West. This attitude is one of which the local emigration is increasingly aware and which is naturally dismaying to those individuals who have regarded themselves as the eventual and true saviours of Latvia. To be forced to recognize that their compatriots at home are doing more than merely existing undermines the position and role in which the emigration has visualized itself. On the other hand it is also important to remember that one of the qualifications which travelers such as DUCMANIS must exhibit in order to be able to come abroad is pretty clearly a politically reliable view of just this kind. Therefore, while DUCMANIS may very well speak for an increasing number of Latvians, the circumstances under which he speaks, i.e. as one of a favored group, weigh against accepting his views as typical.

3. A/15 asked whether C      = had succeeded in mailing the Reference B letter. We, of course, hope to hear momentarily from Headquarters on this question.

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## Attachments:

- A. Rpt in Swedish  
B. " " Latvian

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17 November 1959

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- 3 - SR w/atts as noted (Orig.)  
1 - WE w/o atts  
2 - C      =

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